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"Romney made it one last week when he decided if he can't win Ohio, he must win Pennsylvania to win the presidency because he needs a large state with a big electoral vote count."

POLLSTER TERRY MADONNA ON WHETHER PENNSYLVANIA'S STATUS IS A BATTLEGROUND STATE IN TODAY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

In the news

Joe Cool hawks liquor

Sports legend Joe Montana will be at the PA Wine and Spirits store on Chestnut Street Thursday, signing bottles of his Aviation Gin. Montana is the latest celebrity to create a signature brand for sale by the state Liquor Control Board. The Hall of Famer will sign pre-purchased bottles from 5 to 7 p.m. at the store, located at 1218 Chestnut. METRO

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▶ Competitor coming?

Report for casino hopefuls due this week

Numerous developers are expected to apply to the state Gaming Control Board for the city's second casino license by Nov. 15, but the city issued a reminder yesterday to interested applicants: Don't forget us.

As part of the process, applicants are required to submit a local impact report to the city by Thursday. In addition to the report, applicants must provide engineering reports and traffic studies, including details of any adverse effects on transportation, housing, local police or other public resources.

Once the application period closes, it could take between nine and 12 months to select the winning project, the gaming board said. The board will make the plans public and hold public hearings to get input from citizens.

Two groups have already made their plans for a second Philadelphia casino public. Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, which operates Parx Casino in Bensalem, and The Cordish Co. have proposed a Las Vegas-style casino near the South Philadelphia Sports Complex. Developer Bart Blatstein has also proposed a casino and resort complex on North Broad Street that would be run by Hard Rock International.

SOLOMON D. LEACH

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▶ Photo ID not needed.

Fight against voter confusion begins in Pa.

Political watchdog Committee of Seventy will have about 250 volunteers on the street to help sort out poll problems, as well as several hundred workers handing out flyers explaining acceptable forms of ID to vote. METRO

NJ eases ways for voters to cast ballot

Election Day options for New Jersey residents have broadened in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

Registered voters can today cast a ballot at their county elections office until 3 p.m. or locate their closest polling place by texting "where" to 877-877.

Displaced voters and first responders who can't make it to their county polls are recommended to vote by provisional ballot, though doing so limits voters to weighing in on national and statewide candidates and statewide ballot questions only.

In addition, New Jersey residents can for the first time ever vote by faxing or e-mailing a mail-in ballot application. METRO

DA, watchdog group out in force on Election Day

With the high stakes in today's election and possible confusion over the voter ID law, District Attorney Seth Williams and the Committee of Seventy said they will be closely monitoring the polling places across the city today.

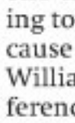
Voters will be asked for identification, but are not required to show it under the state's law, according to a ruling from a Commonwealth Court judge last month.

But there is still some confusion among voters that could discourage them from casting a ballot.

"We understand that there may be some confusion this year with the new Voter ID law that is now in place, and we want to make sure that no one is discouraged about going to the polls on Tuesday because of that confusion," Williams said at a press conference.

The District Attorney's Office will have mobile units, each with an assistant district attorney and a district attorney's detective, to respond to problem polling places.

Williams said his office will also prosecute any criminal activity "to the fullest extent of the law."



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▶ Williams will have his eyes on voter fraud all day.

Key numbers

Voters' complaints can be registered by calling:

- District Attorney's Office — 215-686-9641, 9643, 9644 or 9884
- The Committee of Seventy — 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Quoted

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WILLIAMS

Don't believe the rumors

The Committee of Seventy said many Pennsylvania voters have received incorrect e-mails telling them that selecting the "Straight Democratic Ticket" will not register a vote for President Barack Obama.

Seventy said the information is totally false, and that any voter who selects the option will vote for every Democrat on the ballot, including Obama.

Likewise, those who select the "Straight Republican Ticket" will vote for every Republican on the ballot, including Mitt Romney. METRO/SDL

Power should not be issue

Most Pennsylvania voters will be able to cast their ballots without disruption, Gov. Tom Corbett said.

As of mid-afternoon Monday, all but five polling locations had power restored, Corbett said.

Emergency generators were on site at those five locations in the event power was not restored today.

One polling place in Riegelsville, Bucks County, has been moved to Riegelsville Fire Hall from Riegelsville Borough Hall due to a damaged pole and dangling wires outside the borough hall. METRO/SDL

Philly incubator initiative could net $5 million

Philadelphia has been selected as one of 20 finalists in the $5 million Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors Challenge.

The city entered the contest promoting the Philadelphia Social Enterprise Partnership, a proposed initiative run in collaboration with the GoodCompany Group through which city government would help incubate private startups aimed at solving quality of life issues.

The initiative would establish an executive board of city officials to identify problems and provide data and feedback, then send out a nationwide open call for possible entrepreneurial solutions. City officials would partner with policy and business experts to help the selected companies grow, awarding top solutions with early-stage funding and helping others find private investments.

The partnership would add 30 new startups to the city each year, according to a release, increasing the region's reputation as an entrepreneurial hub and creating a sustainable process for government-facilitated innovation.

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Team Philly

A team from Philadelphia will attend the two-day Bloomberg Ideas Camp in New York City later this month, where they will further refine their idea and go on to receive additional technical support in preparation for final submission. The Philadelphia team will then compete with 19 other cities for a $5 million grand prize or one of four additional $1 million prizes, which would be used to jump-start the Social Enterprise Partnership's implementation. Winners will be announced in spring of 2013. METRO/AW

Election 2012. Clinton stumps

▶ Clinton visited the Palestra in University City last night and — surprise — Mayor Michael Nutter showed up.

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One day after Republican Mitt Romney made a late campaign stop in the Philadelphia suburbs, former President Bill Clinton made several stops yesterday in Pennsylvania, including at the University of Pennsylvania. Polls show that Pennsylvania is once again in play in Tuesday's election, despite an 11-point lead for President Obama several weeks ago. Clinton also appeared in Pittsburgh, Scranton and Blue Bell. METRO

Child mauled at zoo fell over rail

The mother of a 2-year-old boy who died after falling into a pit of African wild dogs at the Pittsburgh Zoo stood him up on a railing before he fell and was immediately attacked by 11 dogs, police said.

The boy was visiting the zoo with his 34-year-old mother, who had put him on the railing for a better view of the animals, known as African painted dogs, police said. The zoo was closed immediately after the incident on Sunday and remained shut yesterday. Authorities are trying to determine if the boy died from the fall or the attack, Pittsburgh police said.

Eleven dogs swarmed the boy after he fell. Zookeepers rushed to the exhibit area housing the animals, firing darts to frighten them away from the child before police arrived.

Zoo staff secured 10 of the dogs but police entered the pit and fired multiple gunshots to kill the last dog, which was particularly aggressive toward the child and the officers, authorities said. REUTERS

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▶ "Indian Scops Owl" is by Jane Dixon, Lexington, Mass.

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In the news

HSBC fears US money laundering fines to top $1.5B

A U.S. fine for violating federal anti-money-laundering laws could cost HSBC Holdings significantly more than $1.5 billion and is likely to lead to criminal charges as well, the bank said yesterday.

HSBC said the U.S. investigation had damaged the bank's reputation and forced it to set aside a further $800 million to cover a potential fine for breaches in anti-money-laundering controls in Mexico and other violations. The provision was on top of $700 million it put aside in July. **REUTERS**

Sandy victims warned as nor'easter set to hit

With 84 percent of electricity restored after Hurricane Sandy, power companies zeroed in on devastated coastal areas in New York and New Jersey as an approaching winter storm threatens lives.

About 1.4 million homes and businesses remain without power a week after Sandy's winds and record tides swamped Lower Manhattan and destroyed the electrical infrastructure in New Jersey's seaside communities. Officials advised residents to flee their darkened homes for warm shelters, as an approaching storm is expected to bring near-freezing temperatures, winds as high as 55 miles per hour and additional flooding as soon as tonight.

In Wayne, New Jersey, Robert Mesuk, 76, and his wife, Sandra, 73, were huddling next to the fireplace in their townhome to stay warm as they entered their second week in the dark. Their utility, owned by PSE&G told them they wouldn't have power back until Nov. 10.

Along the coast, the infrastructure is gone," New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday in a press conference. "Things that took months or years to build are gone. How quickly we can get it back, I'm not sure." **BLOOMBERG**

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▶ Those in hardest-hit areas would have to wait as long as 14 days for electricity, and it may be even longer for some.

In the dark

New Jersey and New York made up about 92 percent of the blackout map today. About 20 percent of New Jersey is still without power.

Quoted

"We've got no heating, no cable, Internet or TV. Our land phone is out."

ROBERT MESUK

News in brief

Army general pulled rank, forced sex, says military court

An Army general used his superior rank to force five women into improper sexual relations, military prosecutors said yesterday at a hearing to determine if he should face a court martial.

Brigadier General Jeffrey Sinclair, who is based at Fort Bragg, is accused of 26 violations of military law. They include forcible sodomy, wrongful sexual conduct, possessing pornography while deployed and conduct unbecoming of an officer.

The charges stem from inappropriate behavior toward four female subordinates and one civilian over the last five years, Army prosecutors said, revealing new details about the charges announced against Sinclair in September. **REUTERS**

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Hearing begins for US soldier charged in rampage that killed 16

A U.S. Army soldier charged with killing 16 Afghan civilians in a drunken rampage in March sat quietly in a military courtroom yesterday as prosecutors outlined their case, accusing him of two murderous forays from his barracks into nearby villages.

Prosecutor Jay Morse said he would present evidence proving "chilling premeditation" on the part of Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, a decorated veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan who is accused of the mass killings.

The shootings of mostly women and children in Afghanistan's Kandahar province marked the worst civilian slaughter by U.S. forces since the Vietnam War and eroded already strained U.S.-Afghan ties after more than a decade of conflict in the country.

At the end, military commanders will decide whether there is sufficient evidence to refer the case for trial by court martial.

Bales, dressed in camouflage Army fatigues, his head shaven, embraced his wife in court before the hearing began. He then sat silently watching the proceedings from the defense table as Morse summarized the prosecution's account of the events of March 11.

According to Morse, Bales had been drinking and paid a brief visit to the room of a fellow soldier before he left the Army post, called Camp Belambay, and went to a village where he committed the first set of slayings.

Bales, who is not expected to testify during the so-called Article 32 hearing, had been confined at a military prison in Kansas from March until he was moved in October to Lewis-McChord, where his infantry regiment was based.

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Prosecutor Jay Morse called Bales' actions "deliberate, methodical."

The charges

- Bales faces 16 counts of premeditated murder and six counts of attempted murder, as well as charges of assault and wrongfully possessing and using steroids and alcohol while deployed. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.
- The hearing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state is expected to last two weeks and include witness testimony in Afghanistan carried by live video, including villagers and Afghan soldiers.

Described as wearing a cape

The prosecution then showed a video shot by night-vision camera from a surveillance balloon over the camp, showing a figure they identified as Bales walking back to the post wearing what they described as a cape.

He is seen being confronted by three soldiers, who order him to drop his weapons and take him into custody.

Prosecutors said Bales had been armed with an M-1 rifle, a pistol and a grenade launcher during the killings.

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News in brief

Coke users at heightened heart attack risk: Study

NEW YORK. Occasional users of cocaine have higher blood pressure, stiffer arteries, and thicker cardiac muscle walls, all risks for heart attacks, than non-users, according to a study.

The heart abnormalities were found in recreational cocaine users long after the effects of the drug wore off, researchers said in a study presented yesterday at the American Heart Association's annual meeting in Los Angeles.

The research was inspired by a wave of cocaine-related heart abnormalities in otherwise healthy adults, according to a statement released by the medical group. There was no evidence of "silent" heart attacks, as previous studies have shown. Also unlike in most earlier reports, these cocaine users weren't addicts with a daily habit, just social users.

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Did zoo boy die from fall or dog attack?

PITTSBURGH. The mother of a 2-year-old boy who died after falling into a pit of African wild dogs at the Pittsburgh Zoo stood him up on a railing before he fell and was immediately attacked by 11 dogs, police said.

The boy was visiting the zoo with his 34-year-old mother, who had put him on the railing for a better view of the animals, known as African painted dogs.

Authorities are trying to determine if the boy died from the fall or the attack, Pittsburgh police spokeswoman Diane Richard said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Dead heat for the ultimate seat

Neither incumbent nor challenger has done much to separate himself Or is it the polarization of America? What it really means: Unlikely we have a president by tonight

According to the latest poll numbers released yesterday, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are in a dead heat for the presidential seat, with an average of about 49 percent of voters committed to each candidate.

By way of comparison, Obama led John McCain by more than 7 percentage points at the same point during the 2008 race. In fact, this may be the closest election since John F. Kennedy squeaked by Richard Nixon in 1960, winning the popular vote by only .16 percent.

"We're a deeply polarized country," Terry Madonna, pollster with Franklin & Marshall College, said. "It's still basically an election about the economy and some voters are not convinced we're out of the recession and things are getting better. That's why the election is as close as it is." He said Romney has made great strides in garnering voter confidence regarding economic issues and has also gained on Obama when it comes to likeability.

Madonna predicts that with those areas a virtual draw, the too-close-to-call election's outcome will now largely hinge on voter turnout. "Both parties are really focusing on get-out-the-vote drives, which are probably more important than in any other election in modern time," he said. He pointed to the special importance of several key battleground states, such as Florida, Virginia, Colorado and Ohio. "Nobody's going to fight too much in New York because they know who's going to win that state," he said. "The same with Texas. The battle is going to happen where it's close and only thousands of votes are separating the candidates. Whichever party can turn out its voters in those pivotal states will probably win this. This is now a ground game, a turn-out-the vote-election."

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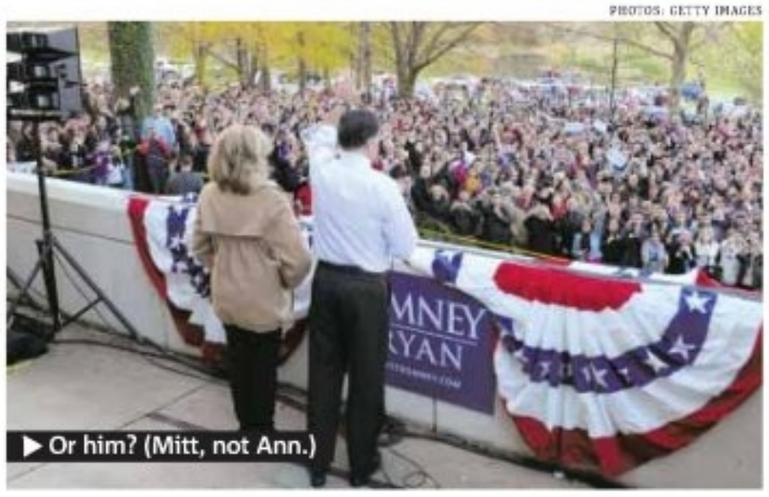
▶ Him? (Barack, not Bruce.)


▶ Or him? (Mitt, not Ann.)

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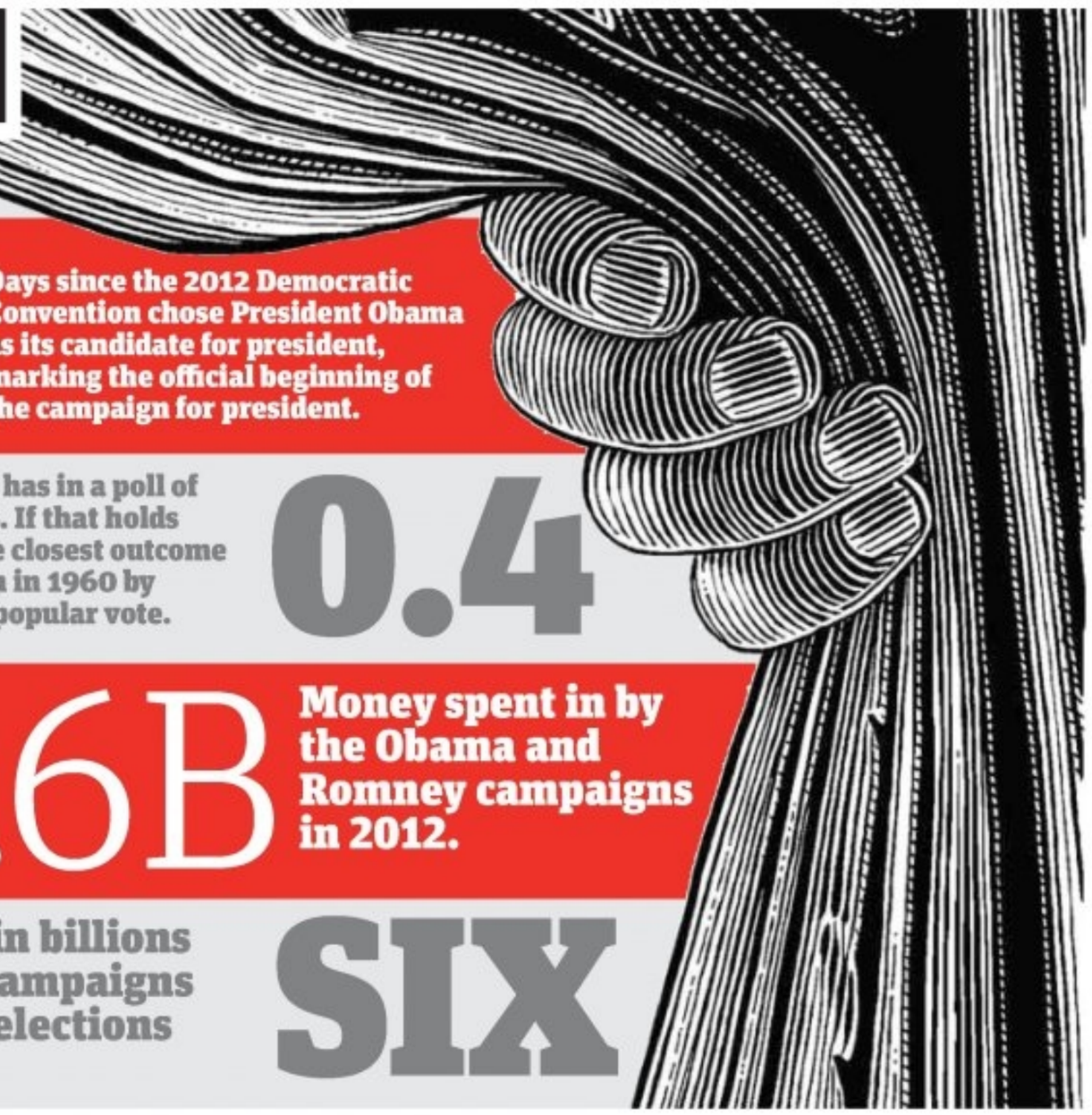
"This is now a ground game, a turn-out-the vote-election."
TERRY MADONNA

Battleground trenches

Regardless, Madonna said there's a good chance that a clear winner won't emerge tonight.

"You could have some states so contested that there will be court battles and challenges, which are already underway in states with early voting," he said. "Most analysts think the president has a slight edge in the battleground states, but no one knows for sure what's likely to happen."

By the numbers



61 Days since the 2012 Democratic Convention chose President Obama as its candidate for president, marking the official beginning of the campaign for president.

0.4 Percent lead Obama has in a poll of polls of likely voters. If that holds true, it would be the closest outcome since JFK beat Nixon in 1960 by 0.16-percent of the popular vote.

$2.6B Money spent in by the Obama and Romney campaigns in 2012.

SIX Total dollars in billions spending by campaigns in all federal elections this year.

Too close to call, from the very beginning

Here is a snapshot of several key polls throughout the race:

GALLUP
- **Aug. 11-17:** Obama 45, Romney 47 – Romney took the lead a week before he officially received his party's nomination at the Republican National Committee Convention.
- **Sept. 5-11:** Obama 50, Romney 43 – Obama saw big gains immediately following the Democratic convention, which ended Sept. 6.
- **Sept. 14-20:** Obama 47, Romney 47 – Romney pulled even after the violence in Egypt and Libya and a disappointing jobs report.
- **Sept. 25-Oct. 1:** Obama 50, Romney 44 – Romney lost ground after struggling to explain his "47 percent" comment, which was secretly recorded at a fundraising event.
- **Oct. 9-15:** Obama 47, Romney 47 – Romney invigorated his supporters and climbed back into the race following the first presidential debate.
- **Oct. 14-20:** Obama 46, Romney 49 – Even though most analysts thought Obama outperformed his opponent in the second debate, Romney was still riding a surge.
- **Oct. 21-27:** Obama 48, Romney 47 – The third and final debate gave the president a boost.

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- **Aug. 25:** Obama 47, Romney 49
- **Sept. 9:** Obama 49, Romney 48
- **Sept. 29:** Obama 49, Romney 47
- **Oct. 13:** Obama 49, Romney 46
- **Oct. 21:** Obama 49, Romney 48

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- **Sept. 7-9:** Obama 50, Romney 45
- **Sept. 14-16:** Obama 45, Romney 47
- **Oct. 1-3:** Obama 49, Romney 47
- **Oct. 4-6:** Obama 47, Romney 49
- **Oct. 30-Nov. 1:** Obama 48, Romney 48

In big election, bigger mouths spread across Net's wide, wild blogosphere

"During a campaign stop in Colorado today, President Obama sneezed as he defended his health care plan. 'It gives me a cold just thinking about what they might do,' Obama joked. Obama then repeated his line from earlier today, that Romney's plan for health care should be called the 'Romney-doesn't-Care' plan." **– AUG. 28, CHARLIE SPIERING FOR THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S BELTWAY CONFIDENTIAL, "OBAMA SNEEZES WHILE DEFENDING OBAMACARE; BLAMES IT ON REPUBLICANS"**

"Obama – no surprise – is winning news cycles, but Romney is winning the election. And he is doing so because a majority of the American people have simply had enough nastiness, enough radicalism, enough of this president."
NOV. 3, JOEL POLLAK FOR BREITBART, "WHY ROMNEY WILL WIN"

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"At the second debate, somebody asked how Bush and Romney differ. I'll give you the answer: Romney's taller, Mormon and a little smarter and meaner." **– OCT. 29, STEPHEN STILLS FOR ROLLING STONE, "STEPHEN STILLS ON MITT ROMNEY: 'I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE A CREEPIER POLITICIAN THAN NIXON'"**

"Barack Obama's campaign is running radio ads in Virginia featuring a montage of uncomfortable Mitt Romney moments ... Listeners hear the former Massachusetts governor saying: 'Corporations are people, my friend ... Let Detroit go bankrupt ... Borrow money if you have to ... Who let the dogs out? Who? Who?'" **– NOV. 3, ALEXANDER HABER FOR POLITICO, "OBAMA AD QUOTES ROMNEY: 'WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?'"**

"Obama has done nothing but drag his feet and procrastinate about being unabashedly evil deep into his fourth year. Where is the colossal statue of him that springs to life and kills Christians? Where is the fire pouring out of the sky into the eyes of men? I don't even think he's drawn up any schematics." **– SEPT. 21, SOREN BOWIE FOR CRACKED.COM, "WHY OBAMA IS THE LEAST EFFICIENT ANTICHRIST EVER"**

"The Obama campaign has targeted and intimidated Republican donors on an Internet enemies list. It has engaged in the juvenile mockery of Mitt Romney's singing. It has suggested, without evidence, that Romney may have committed the felony of falsifying FEC documents." **– AUG. 17, MICHAEL GERSON FOR REAL CLEAR POLITICS, "OBAMA'S BETRAYAL"**

News in pictures

Lots to see along the 2012 campaign trail

1: Singer Katy Perry performs at a campaign rally for U.S. President Barack Obama at Doolittle Park in Las Vegas.

2: Election cookies of President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney are made at the Oakmont Bakery in Oakmont, Penn.

3: People wear cowboy hats during the second day of the Democratic National Convention at Time Warner Cable Arena on Sept. 5 in Charlotte, N.C.

4: Kid Rock (L) and Congressman Paul Ryan attend the Congressman Paul Ryan Rally With Kid Rock at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

5: People watch the debate on Oct. 16.

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Financial collapse helped Obama in '08, but this year? Not exactly

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▶The players from 2008, left, and 2012.

In September 2008, the presidential campaign was rumbled by a Wall Street meltdown that would give the candidates a chance to prove their mettle. Four years later, Hurricane Sandy would do the same.

According to Chris Galdieri, a political science professor at St. Anselm College in Goffstown, N.H., both unforeseen events favored Barack Obama. "The financial collapse really gave Obama a chance to pass the commander-in-chief test, because he was very calm, he looked and acted like someone that you wouldn't be upset to have in charge during a crisis."

The response to Hurricane Sandy also allowed the president to prove his leadership.

The down economy was a defining topic in both campaigns; the Great Recession in 2008 versus the "sluggish recovery" of 2012. Where John McCain took the hit in 2008, Obama has been held accountable ever since.

Galdieri said it is difficult for Romney to attack on a sluggish recovery because doing so acknowledges there is a recovery at all. But it's no walk in the park for Obama. "This is not Bill Clinton in 1996 or Ronald Reagan in 1984, where they had a booming economy and sky-high approval ratings."

Unlike Obama's easy ride from nomination to the resounding defeat of McCain, he has held only a marginal lead over Romney. The POTUS also is running on his record rather than the 2008 motifs of "change" and "yes, we can."

"When you are just a candidate, people can project just about anything off of you," Galdieri said. SR/METRO

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POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

WE'LL BE HAPPY WHEN $1B SOAP OPERA IS OVER

Asking a political scientist to write about an election campaign before the results come in is like asking the theater critic to file a review of a play at intermission. But's its also good to sit down and think about what this campaign has meant and how it has gone, independent of the results.

First, isn't everyone glad it is over? We've been told that the results depend on "a handful of undecided voters." I bet there are many more undecided than people who are still enjoying this campaign. The question I'd ask is what are the costs and benefits of having a campaign that has been going on full speed since January and, in practice, before that. Mitt Romney started to run against Barack Obama almost three years ago. Some would say that long campaigns are useful because during them we learn so much more about the candidates and their positions. It's hard to make that case this time. I don't think even Mitt's most ardent supporter is clearer on his positions on topics such as the environment, tax allowances or abortion than when he started out. We'll come back to the financial costs of the campaign. For now, let's just think about how the length of the campaign has imposed costs in terms of governing — hard choices deferred, compromise subordinated to getting a good sound bite to use in commercials, et cetera. Of course, this applies to decisions about the government's budget and the economy, but it also affects decision-making on foreign policy. Other democracies get by with much shorter campaigns. It really isn't fundamental to democracy that the system work this way!

Second, it sure was expensive. The price tag of $6 to $7 billion is huge. I know it can be argued that we spend as much advertising automobiles, laundry detergent and other products, but there's no way around the fact that $6 to $7 billion is a lot of money. Raising that money takes a lot of time and requires paying a lot of attention to donors that could have been spent on voters. In our politics, as in many other aspects of our society, the super rich have gained in importance and leverage. There's plenty of blame to go around here. Obama destroyed the practice of presidential candidates relying on public funding in 2008 when he realized he could raise much more money than public funding would provide. The Supreme Court's infamous Citizens United decision in the name of free speech deliberately opened the floodgates to more spending by people or groups laughably said to be independent of the candidates. People like Sheldon Adelson have bought themselves plenty of free speech this time around, much of it spent on negative attack ads. By the end of October, Adelson has spent more than $54 million going after Obama. That's a lot more "free speech" than most citizens can afford!

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Third, the candidates, the parties and the groups certainly continued to believe the experts' advice that negative advertising works. Yes, we all say we hate negative advertising, but research shows people remember it. It's not surprising, therefore, that we get so much of it. Here in Massachusetts, we had the odd spectacle of Sen. Scott Brown, even while describing himself as a fence-building moderate, running constant personal attacks on his opponent, Elizabeth Warren. If Brown has won by the time you read this, score another one for the argument that going negative and personalistic works!

Fourth, doesn't this campaign show yet again how pernicious the Electoral College is? We don't know yet if the undemocratic difference between the popular vote and the Electoral College vote we saw in 2000 will re-emerge this year. We do know that all the attention of the presidential campaigns in the last few weeks has been concentrated on a handful of states. If we'd abolished the Electoral College, the candidates would have behaved very differently. We'd have seen Romney campaigning in California and New York because there are a lot of potential Republican voters there. We'd have seen Obama campaigning in Texas because, although they're a minority in the state, there are a lot of potential Democratic voters there. In a USA that's worried about polarization, wouldn't this have been good for the country?

Was there anything positive to be learned or said about this campaign?

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From their mouths to your ears: A campaign in quotes

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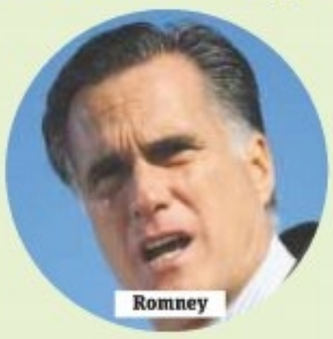
Romney

"President Obama promised change, but he could not deliver it. I promise change, and I have a record of achieving it."

A FAMILIAR LINE FROM ROMNEY DURING THE CAMPAIGN

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Romney's campaign

Powell

"I think when you have somebody of your own race that you're proud of being president of the United States, I applaud Colin [Powell] for standing with him."

ROMNEY CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR JOHN SUNUNU'S STATEMENT ON POWELL'S ENDORSEMENT OF OBAMA DREW SOME REBUKE. SUNUNU LATER CLARIFIED HIS REMARKS.

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"Rather than uniting the country around a message of shared sacrifice, he engaged in partisan attacks and has embraced a divisive populist agenda focused more on redistributing income than creating it."

NYC MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG SAID OF OBAMA BEFORE ENDORSING HIM

Obama

Obama

"When it comes to our foreign policy, you seem to want to import the foreign policies of the 1980s, just like the social policies of the 1950s and the economic policies of the 1920s."

OBAMA TOLD ROMNEY DURING THE THIRD AND FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Biden

Biden

"Osama bin Laden is dead and General Motors is alive."

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN SAID DURING CAMPAIGN SPEECHES, TOUTING OBAMA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Obama's campaign

Palin

"The Romney campaign is so desperate to change the subject that they've gone back to the failed playbook co-authored by Sarah Palin and Joe the Plumber."

CAMPAIGN SPOKESWOMAN JEN PSAKI SAID, REFERRING TO ROMNEY ATTACK ON OBAMA'S 1998 COMMENTS ABOUT RE-DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

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From Iowa until today's closing bell: What a 10-week roller coaster

Jan. 3 & 10: Gov. Mitt Romney wins the Iowa Caucus and New Hampshire primary, establishing himself as the candidate to beat. (The final count would show Rick Santorum as the actual Iowa winner by 34 votes.)

May 29: Romney clinches the Texas primary and locks the nomination.

June 28: The Supreme Court upholds key provisions of the President Barack Obama's health-care law, a staple of Romney's attacks.

July 13: "If you've got a business, you didn't build that," Obama says, fueling a firestorm of attacks and the theme of the Republican Convention: "We Built It."

July 25: Romney is skewered in the British tabloids after calling preparations for the London Olympics "disconcerting." Days later in Israel, Romney says he wants to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Aug. 30: Romney accepts the nomination at the GOP convention, preceded by Clint Eastwood, who speaks to a chair representing an invisible Obama.

Eastwood

Sept. 11: Militants attack the American consulate in Benghazi, killing Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. Romney criticizes the President.

Sept. 17: Mother Jones magazine uploads a secretly recorded tape of a private Romney fundraiser from May. In his estimation, there are 47 percent of Americans "who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims," he says.

Oct. 3: Romney scores a resounding victory in the first debate, taking a four-point lead among likely voters in a Pew poll. Obama's lackluster showing is thrashed by supporters. "This is what happens when you pick John Kerry as your debate coach," tweeted filmmaker Michael Moore.

Moore

Oct. 16: During the second debate, Romney says it took the president 14 days to call the Benghazi attack an act of terror. Moderator Candy Crowley interjects: "He did, in fact, sir."

Oct. 22: Obama galvanizes his base in the final debate. Responding to Romney's claim that the Navy has fewer ships now than in 1916, he remarks, "we also have fewer horses and bayonets."

Oct. 29: Hurricane Sandy hits the East Coast. Obama's response draws praise from top Romney surrogate New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who says: "I cannot thank the president enough for his personal concern and compassion."

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Drexel's music industry program keeps evolving

University encourages students to be well-rounded to compete in the business ◐ Motion City Soundtrack chimes in for new recording project

AARON BURZAK

▶ Drexel students get hands-on experience at the MAD Dragon Records studio.

The music business is immensely complicated, and just about every element of it — from recording and producing to marketing and distribution to figuring out a way to make money — is changing constantly.

Drexel University's undergraduate music industry major is designed to help graduates react flexibly to these changes.

"Nowadays, rather than focusing on one career path, we try to allow students to become creative problem solvers and to think entrepreneurially," says Terry Tompkins, associate teaching professor in the program. "Ultimately, they get a really diverse education that covers not only all facets of the industry, but a broad base in the humanities and business."

In addition to the academic foundation, future professionals need practical training, according to Tompkins. "We've created a variety of real-world business entities that allow them to take their theoretical knowledge and apply it," he says.

Program majors choose concentrations in either music technology and production or music business and law.

Students from both concentrations have been involved in a yearlong project, ending this month, involving the release of a series of records. Students participated in everything from finding the bands, to recording them, to distributing and promoting the records.

"This is unique," Tompkins says. "Other schools may be releasing records, but they're compilations."

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Now hear this

Making Moves, the yearlong recording project, teamed students up with the punk-pop group Motion City Soundtrack. They and five other bands each released a seven-inch vinyl record with two songs. A boxed set of the records, plus a USB with the bonus tracks and a video, will be released on Nov. 23.

"This is unique. Other schools may be releasing records, but they're compilations."
TOMPKINS

Science meets liberal arts at Ursinus

URSINUS COLLEGE

▶ The opening event of the center was a September lecture by Richard Heinzl, founder of the first North American chapter of Doctors Without Borders.

Ursinus College has received an $800,000 grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to form the Center for Science and the Common Good. The program has two main goals, according to Robert Dawley, Ursinus professor of biology and co-director of the center: "We want to provide an education that will give future scientists good judgment about the implications of their research," he says. "We also want to help them learn to communicate with non-technical audiences."

The program grew out of the yearlong class taken by all freshmen, the Common Intellectual Experience. "It brings together students from across the college, who otherwise would probably never take classes together," Dawley says. "After that, though, science majors can end up taking nothing but science classes and lose track of their liberal-arts roots. We're hoping that we can encourage them to continue the big-picture thinking they experience in CIE."

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Chestnut Hill raises hunger awareness

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Chestnut Hill College will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network — a nonprofit organization that provides food and shelter to homeless families — with its annual Empty Bowl Dinner on Nov. 14. Local businesses, schools and artists donate bowls, while restaurants donate soups, breads and desserts. For a small fee, diners can select a hand-crafted bowl and enjoy a tasty meal. At the end of the evening, they take home the empty bowls as a reminder that every night in Philadelphia more than 1,000 children go without a meal or a place to call home. Tickets ($8-$20) can be purchased at www.philashelter.org.

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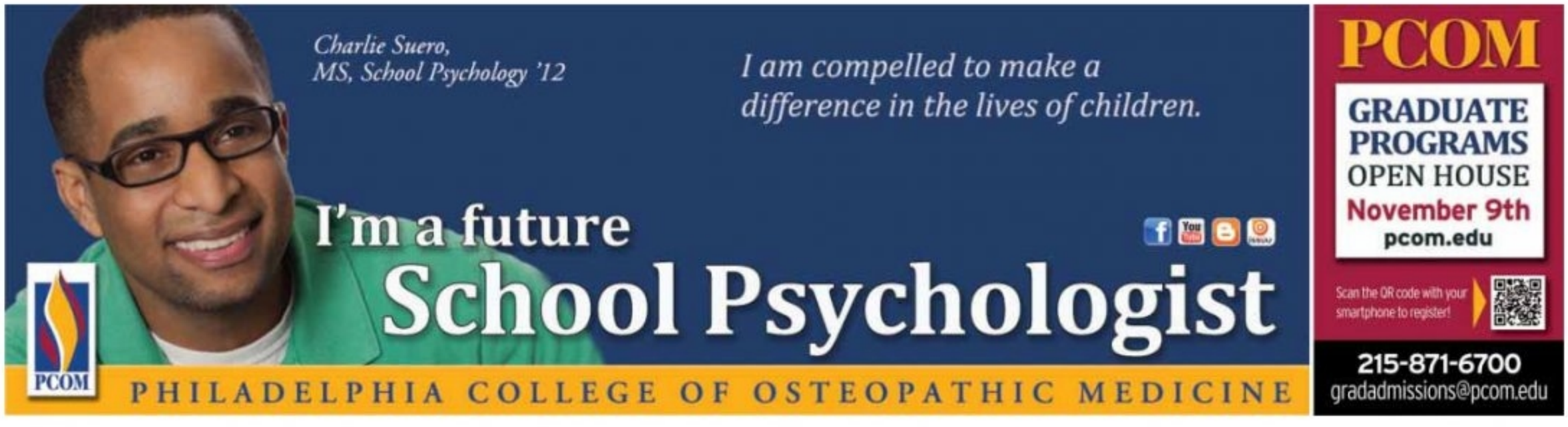

Accounting for class and race on campus

About five years ago, a student handed Dr. Elizabeth Aries a manuscript and remarked on the expense of the required binder.

"How did you pay for it?" asked Aries.

"I bounced a check at the drug store," the student replied.

"I started to say, 'Wait. What are we doing here?' We're admitting students from low-income backgrounds, but we're not thinking about what kind of experience they're having here," explains Aries, from her home in western Massachusetts.

She quickly set out to investigate the role of class amidst the privilege of Amherst College. Her first study, "Race And Class Matters at an Elite College," featured 58 case studies on students from a vast range of backgrounds, from the children of the 1 percent to students that grew up in poverty. The sequel, "Speaking of Race and Class" — which will be released this month by Temple University Press — revisited almost all of the students at graduation. Among the thought-provoking outcomes, Aries discovered that white students from low-income backgrounds struggled to adjust to Amherst's culture more than African-American students from low-income backgrounds. "Prep schools and day schools often target academically talented black students for scholarships. The majority of black students on our campus come from those schools, which is a culture very much like Amherst," says Aries. "The lower-income white students are coming from public schools."

▶ Adjusting to an elite university is challenging for low-income students of all backgrounds.

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What they found

At the conclusion of the four-year study, more than half the students said they learned a great deal about race in America while at Amherst. But only about a third of whites from affluent backgrounds reported a change in perspective.

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The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Kevin Nealon is feeling curious, Jim Carrey has a disturbing vision of the future, Rihanna is feeling a sense of accomplishment and Lindsay Lohan is having a rough day.

@kevin_nealon
Do they have an Americatown in Bejing?

@JimCarrey
In the near future we'll only be able to communicate through devices. Actual human contact will be outlawed by the Apple iCourt.

@rihanna
Man my album is complete, and I need a f--- ing drink and a roll up! It was quite the journey, but it's all part of our story!

@lindsaylohan
my twitter was hacked, please ignore the last tweet.

Jim Carrey

Britney Spears: The blond Jane Austen

There's a trend in book publishing where a superstar gets paid buckets and buckets of cash to "write" a book and people actually read it thinking it's the fruit of their favorite celebrity's labor (see: **Snooki**, **Lauren Conrad**, **Bethenny Frankel** and the **Kardashian** sisters). The latest to join their ranks? **Britney Spears**, who is reportedly in talks with It Books. That's according to The Hollywood Reporter, which writes, "Britney Spears is close to signing a book deal ... with plans to write a novel ... The story would incorporate fictionalized versions of her own experiences."

Her own experiences and not, say, a supernatural teen romance? Actually, Spears' life — spawning with a back-up dancer from Fresno, **Sam Lufti**, shaving her head, being under the conservatorship of her father — is on the level of Shakespeare (you know Lady Macbeth would be a former Mouseketeer if "Macbeth" were written nowadays).

Write from the heart, Britney! Don't let your underpaid ghostwriter tell you what's what! But in all honesty, you know if Spears wrote from the heart, the whole book would typed in Wing Dings.

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▶ "It's Britney Austen, b—."

Sam Worthington arrested in Atlanta

"Avatar" star **Sam Worthington** had a bad Saturday night. Not only was he arrested, he was also hit with pepper spray by a doorman to top it all off.

TMZ reports that Worthington, who is in Atlanta filming "Ten," which co-stars **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, became unruly when he was denied entrance to a restaurant. According to the police report, a witness told cops Worthington became disorderly, pushing a doorman who responded by pepper spraying the star and handcuffing him until the cops came.

MTV plans Sandy 'Shore' benefit

The cast of "Jersey Shore" is hosting a one-hour fundraising special to help the New Jersey Shore on Nov. 15 at 11 p.m. from MTV's Times Square studio. The network says money raised will go toward rebuilding Seaside Heights, N.J., where the reality TV show was filmed. Cast members will appear in the special as well as other yet-to-be announced guest stars.

Talking points

Bell and Shepard are expecting a baby

They may have vowed to put off tying the knot until same-sex marriage is legal again in California, but engaged couple **Kristen Bell** and **Dax Shepard** are reportedly not waiting to start a family. Sources tell People magazine that Bell is pregnant with their first child, due in the spring. "They're so excited — they're both ecstatic. They can't wait to become parents," the source says. "Kristen had a little bit of morning sickness early on, but she just started shooting the second season of 'House of Lies' and is feeling great now."

▶ The happy parents-to-be

Will Beckham be a talk show host?

David Beckham may be looking to add talk show host to his list of job titles, as two different TV companies have reportedly offered him his own show, according to the Daily Star. "We want David on board whether or not he continues to play for the [L.A.] Galaxy," a source close to one of the companies, Time Warner Cable, says. "We are on our way to becoming the world's biggest sportscaster, and he is a key part of our future." Time Warner has reportedly offered him a "multimillion-dollar" contract, prompting the Fox Sports network to make an offer of their own.

Osbourne talks double mastectomy

Sharon Osbourne has revealed that she recently underwent a double mastectomy because of a genetic predisposition to develop breast cancer, she tells Hello! Magazine. "I've had cancer before, and I didn't want to live under that cloud," she explains. "I didn't even think of my breasts in a nostalgic way. I just wanted to be able to live my life without that fear all the time."

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Seeing red

1. Considering her new album is titled "Red," it comes as no surprise that **Taylor Swift** is in love with the color. Here she is in a beige dress with red accents by Jenny Packham at the 46th Annual CMA Awards on Thursday.

2. Chris Isaak performed at City National Grove of Anaheim on Aug. 1 in a spiffy red coat.

3. Oprah Winfrey danced in her red shoes during "O You!" presented by O, The Oprah Magazine, at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Oct. 20.

4. Amanda Seyfried donned a red frock as she left the Miu Miu Spring/Summer 2013 show as part of Paris Fashion Week on Oct. 3 in Paris.

5. Looks like **Tracy Morgan** forgot his shirt while at Spike TV's "Eddie Murphy: One Night Only" at the Saban Theatre on Saturday in Beverly Hills.

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Anna Goldfarb's tall tales

In her new memoir, the blogger and author attempts to get her love life, career and living situation under control It doesn't go as planned

Try as she might, Anna Goldfarb just can't seem to get her life together. Her attempts at dating, love and finding gainful employment are met with hilarious results that she chronicles in her new memoir, "Clearly I Didn't Think This Through: The Story of One Tall Girl's Impulsive, Ill-Conceived, and Borderline Irresponsible Life Decisions." She took a break from writing on her blog, Shmitten Kitten, to answer a few questions from us.

First of all, how tall are you? And how do you explain your obsession with men shorter than you, which is an ongoing theme in your book?

I'm 6-foot-1, which, as everyone tells me, is really tall for a woman. I've always loved shorter guys. The first time I remember noticing a hot short guy was Michael J. Fox in "Back to the Future." I was in third grade at the time, and once I saw him in those purple Calvin Kleins, I was like, "I am definitely interested in everything I'm looking at here." I still am!

What is the best thing about dating? The worst?

The best thing about dating is the elation of discovering someone new. Riding in his car for the first time, hearing about his job after he has a tough day, meeting his little sister; those are exciting things in a way. It's an excuse to try new restaurants and expose someone to my favorite spots in town too. The worst part about dating is the awkwardness when a date doesn't go well and he's already incorporated into my social media world. I wish I could just erase him from all networks with one swipe!

Are you a better dater now that you're in your 30s? Or is it harder?

I'm a better dater in the sense that I know what it takes to have a successful date; paying attention to which bars and restaurants to suggest for a fun night. It's harder too because most men my age have either settled down or are so set in their ways that they don't open themselves up to meeting someone new.

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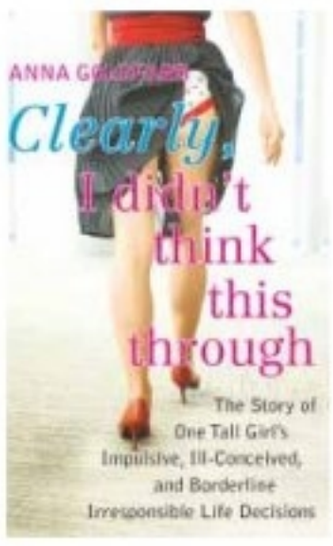
How is Philly as a dating town?

Guys don't put any effort into dating and if they do, that same level of effort isn't sustained for very long. Most dudes get lazy quickly. That's something I wish I could wave a magic wand and correct.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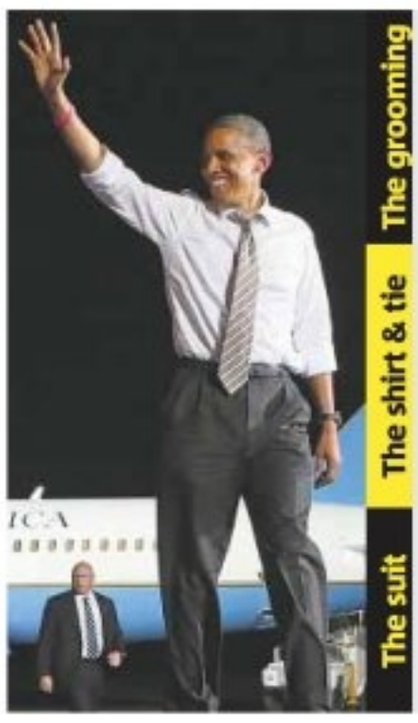


The grooming

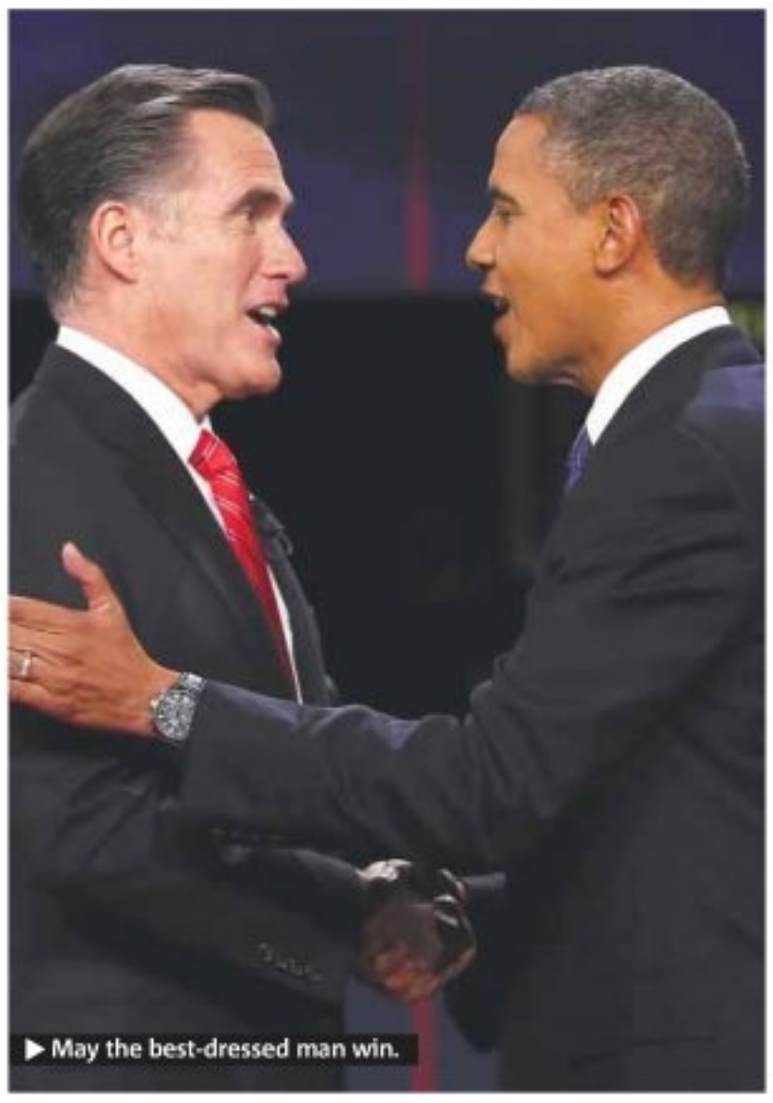
Showing the strain: It can't be easy running the country and a campaign. The stress of it all is visible in Obama's sallow eyes and gaunt complexion. Chug a cappuccino — the finish line is near.

The shirt & tie

The incumbent president's rolled-up sleeves and crumpled shirt is an attempt to transcend the divide between white- and blue-collar workers. It's a contrived look, but voters always prefer a people's president — and Obama is just that.

The suit

No jacket is a politician's way of saying the gloves are off. But the cinched waist and pleated trousers make Obama look like he's been missing his morning protein shake.



▶ May the best-dressed man win.

The Leader of the Free World isn't meant to be a fashion plate. We'd rather see him with his sleeves rolled up, sorting out the economy, after all. And yet, we expect the president to look distinguished and stately. It's a fine balance to strike. We size up the opponents. MWN

The grooming

Throughout the campaign, the one sure thing Romney has going for him is his perfect hair. He also has a reassuringly strong jawline, but we've seen how he feels after a barrage of political punches.

The shirt & tie

The 65-year-old's looking a bit scrawny around the neck, but the shirt's a pretty good fit. However, the neatly rolled sleeves are boardroom length (rather than, say, for any physical labor), while the zippy tie screams country club.

The suit

Ack! More drab old slacks. Here his are belted high, with the shirt billowing at the waist. Romney, there's no excuse: You can afford the finest — and a stylist to boot.

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TV watch list

Election coverage

SPECIAL. The only thing you, responsible adult reader, should be watching tonight is coverage of the poll results. Nearly every network will be devoting the night to the election, including Comedy Central, which will air special editions of "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" (11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., respectively) dedicated to choosing our next leader. So really, you now have no excuse.
7 p.m., Multiple networks

'Tattoo Nightmares'

REALITY. Let's say, hypothetically, that your candidate isn't faring too well on that campaign results TV show. If you do need to take a break from the election, perhaps no show will distract as much as this: Tonight's episode dedicated to bad ink is titled "Butt Pirate."
11 p.m., Spike TV

AMBER RAY

Come on, feel the Boys Noize

Alexander Ridha has made a name for himself. Performing under the name Boys Noize, he's been able to mix it up with big names like Tiesto and Skrillex and collaborate with Snoop Dogg and Jarvis Cocker — all without major label representation. We caught up with Ridha to talk about his newest album, "Out of the Black," and find out what influences him and keeps him going.

What inspired you most on "Out of the Black"?
One of the big parts of this album was really getting back. Since it's my third album, I was trying to get this feeling back when I first started producing. Most of the time, when you don't know what you are doing, that's when the magic happens. I was really clearing my head and forgetting about everything that is going on right now and what is hot right now. It's a very personal album. I would say it's a mix of my first and second albums.

You have a lot of disco and hip-hop influences. Is that what you grew up listening to?
I have a 10-years-older brother, and at the end of the '80s he was buying all those early house records, so I was always into that, into real house music and rap at the same time, Run DMC and Public Enemy and stuff. … The old-school stuff was kind of like Pharcyde or Wu-Tang. When that s— came out, I was able to rap the whole ODB album, the first one. Even though I didn't understand anything because I was German, I was rapping along! I stopped buying hip-hop records toward the beginning of 2000 because it got too much, like, jiggy, and it was only about like rims and stuff. But I was still a big fan of any Neptunes or Timbaland production, and of course Dre. And of course Snoop!

What was it like working with Snoop on "Got It"?
I was always saying to myself, "If I would be able to make a track for him, I could stop making music." I grew up with his sound. It was cool. You know he wants to vibe first, so we hung out a little bit. In the beginning of this year, we had the chance to record music together, hang out in his apartment and stuff. It was really nice and he's such a great guy.

How do you pick who you collaborate with?
I never have "featuring" on my album, except that Snoop joint. But, when I make music with other people, it has to be someone who inspires me as well, where I can learn something.

MICHELLE CASTILLO/MWN

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▶ Ridha rocks the consoles at the TLA on Dec. 1.

Dog Blood brothers?

The Skrillex connection

One of your collaborations is Dog Blood, with Skrillex. How did that come about?
Yeah, I've heard about that. [Laughs, pretending he is not involved] It's two crazy guys. They are from two different backgrounds. I heard they made some music in Berlin. It's pretty cool. I like their stuff.

Seriously, did you guys just meet up one day?
We're good friends. He's a cool guy. We just played around with some stuff.

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Deyn discusses the sport of stripping

Agyness Deyn has made plenty of headlines for her "retirement" from modeling to pursue an acting career. But with the release of her first major film role — as the stripper girlfriend of a small-time drug dealer in "Pusher" — Deyn turns to Metro to set the record straight on that retirement thing.

"They're like athletes — their bodies and what they can do, and they make it look so easy."
DEYN, ON STRIPPERS

Since you've started acting, you've been labeled as "retired" from modeling. Is that accurate?
The more acting I do, the less modeling I do — because of physical time but also because my enjoyment for one rather than the other is more. I did modeling for 12 years, and now this is so fresh and amazing that I just want to do this all the time.

How enlightening was your research into stripping for this role?
When I started working with girls on the London scene and going to work with them, the vision that you have of a stripper in your head from a fantasy perspective is like so a fantasy. I just hung out with them on a personal level, at their homes — especially this one girl called Jen who was amazing and so generous with everything about her. I went to work with her, and it was amazing, the security of the venues and the lifestyle — not just security as in the security guys, but those guys are like big brothers. It's like a big family. And the girls are really amazing at their job. They're like athletes — their bodies and what they can do, and they make it look so easy. I just came away from it feeling a lot of respect for the industry.

Agyness Deyn

Crime pays

Why do you think there continues to be this appeal of movies about drugs and crime?

I think it's interesting and exciting, I suppose. It's like hyperreality, you know? It's like the imagination of what you don't see in everyday life, so you want to go to the movies and you want to see something that's either shocking in an emotional way or takes you on a journey in some way that's not your way in real life. It takes you away from your real life, and I feel like the majority of people, that's not their real life. [Laughs]

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John C. Reilly's midlife crisis

Actor reflects on the ways his animated character in 'Wreck-It Ralph' suffers through a very adult dilemma His 'Pac Man' snack fantasy

To hear John C. Reilly tell it, "Wreck-It Ralph" — in which he voices the titular video game bad guy who leaves his game on a quest to become a hero instead — is a movie about a midlife crisis. But the folks in marketing at Disney probably don't want to put that on the posters, he admits.

How much of a video game fan were you before this movie?
There's not enough hours in the day these days to play video games, having a family and stuff — especially given how complicated they are. Just learning the game takes hours at this point. But it certainly made a big impact on my life when I was a kid. I'm of a generation that was there when "Space Invaders" first came out. That was the huge game-changer. It's hard for people to appreciate these days what a big change that was, because there were no computers, no cell phones. The idea that you could manipulate something on a television screen? Just that alone was huge.

Would you say that this role is in any way a referendum against typecasting?
I guess so. I didn't really think about that when I was making the movie. It was more about this journey that most of us are on, which is to discover who we really are. And then the tough part for most people is accepting who you are, and then just enjoying life once you've done that. So much of what we do in the world is telling us, "You're not good enough, you should improve yourself in this way." Or we're always thinking about who we want to be or who we should be. To me, it's a movie about self-realization and self-acceptance. You don't have to tell the kids that, but for me that's what it's about. It's more like a story of a midlife crisis.

Which is the best way to sell a movie to kids, yes.
Yeah, exactly. "When Mommy and Daddy get older and get closer to death …" Just kidding.

It's been 15 years since "Boogie Nights" came out.
It has? You know, as Bob Dylan said, "I'm an artist, I don't look back." Or something like that. He said, "She's an artist, she don't look back." Yeah, I don't spend too much time watching stuff I've done, to tell you the truth. It just makes you feel old.

I don't think you're old.
Well, I'm older than I was 15 years ago. [Laughs]

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Q&A

If you could disappear into a game yourself, which would you choose?
To tell you the truth, the idea of being trapped in a video game seems kind of nightmarish to me. [Laughs] I mean, they're all a fight for survival. I think life is enough like that already. That said … I don't know. I have always wondered what those cherries tasted like in "Pac Man."

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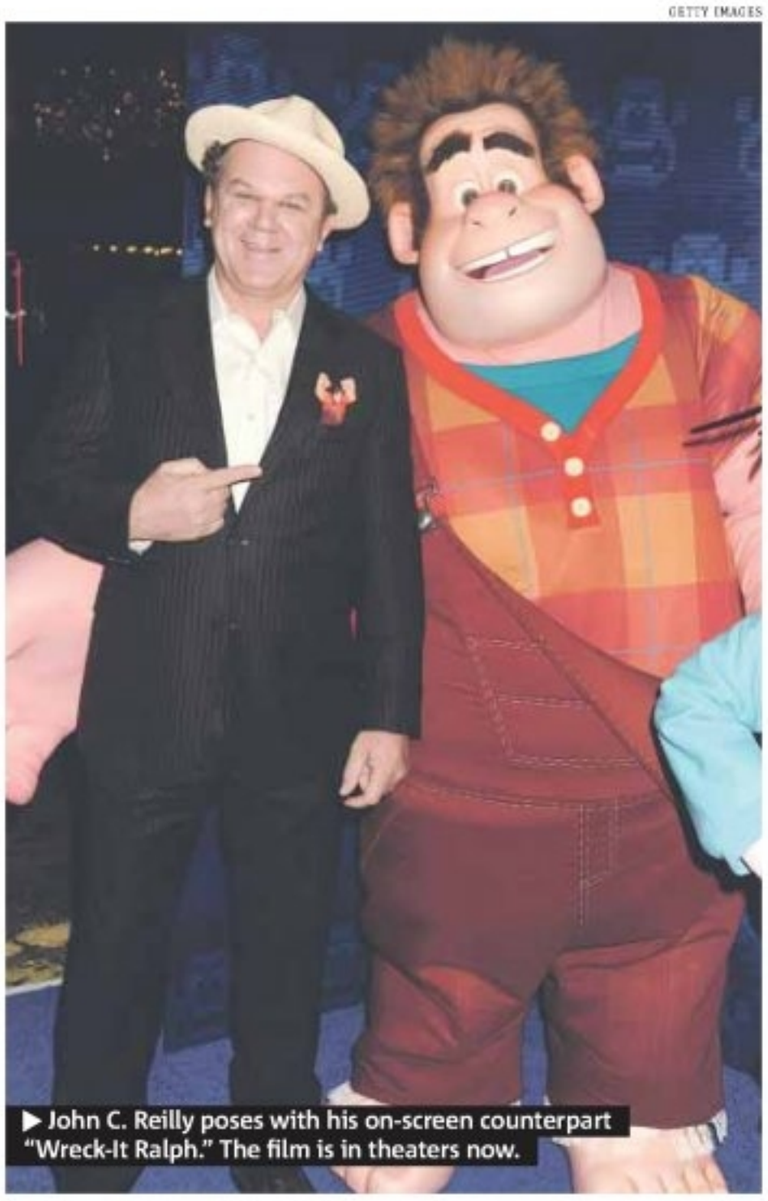

▶ John C. Reilly poses with his on-screen counterpart "Wreck-It Ralph." The film is in theaters now.

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Keep calm and be a parent

As a parent, you want to help your kids understand the world they live in, even when that world gets shaken by an instance of extreme weather How moms and dads can help their little ones through natural disasters

Gathering the family around a candlelit table can sound quite cozy — until it gets scary. For many parents on the East Coast this week, the normal stress of parenting has been affected by loss of power, evacuation and a widespread devastation in some areas. During extreme weather like Hurricane Sandy, parents are burdened with trying to find information about loved ones and, in many cases, assessing the damage. At the very least, kids out of school get cooped up and bored.

Dr. Dawn Huebner, a child psychologist and author of a "what-to-do" series of guides for children, says that the most important thing for parents to remember during an emergency situation is to keep separate what they are experiencing from their children.

"Parents are going to be seeking out information and wanting to watch the news or listen to reports or looking at the devastated sites. All of that is terrifying to children."

Huebner says parents should try and be as calm and reassuring to their children as possible. Even for families who have been evacuated, Huebner says parents can try to reassure children that the family is safe. If the situation is dire, focusing on how the family will get through the challenging part is a good technique.

Sometimes, extreme weather can give a family a chance to shine together. For Erin Zammett Ruddy, a blogger for Parenting.com and mother of two kids ages 2 and 5, keeping the children occupied is key. Ruddy's family lost power during Hurricane Sandy for days — she was one of the 450,000 Long Island residents without power — but she is grateful to be able to make her home a de facto clubhouse for her friends and relatives. Ruddy is a big believer in keeping the family's routine going as much as possible, a trait Dr. Huebner recommends.

"We made sure they have still been having their eating and sleeping and napping routines," Ruddy says.

By now, most schools in the region affected by Hurricane Sandy will have returned to classes. Lara Pasternak, a drama teacher at I.S. 61 in Corona, Queens, sees the hurricane as a way for students to empower themselves and give back to communities. "I work in an area that's economically depressed, but no matter how little the students have, they are very generous," Pasternak says, adding that donating and volunteering is an essential lesson in humanity and civic duty.

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Quoted

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DR. DAWN HUEBNER

Top techniques

Tips for parenting during extreme weather from Dr. Dawn Huebner, child psychologist and author:

- **Use "feelings words" when talking to children.** Acknowledge that something is scary or sad, addressing uncertainty.
- **Give reassurance that the family is safe, if that is true.** If disaster is striking, parents can assure children that they will take care of them and that police and city agencies are working hard.
- **Maintain routines.** Children can be especially clingy or show regressive behavior during extreme weather. Routines should be maintained as much as possible.

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▶ Erin Zammett Ruddy's children created a fort in their house with blankets to sleep in while the power was out.

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The little-known island region of Portugal offers big rewards for curious travelers Swim and hike by day Drink a glass of local wine at night

The rocky coastline meets warm, turquoise waters in Pico Island.

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Where to eat

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- **Anfiteatro** in Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel island: Modernist remixes of regional dishes, such as cinnamon-spiked blood sausage
- **O Gato Mia** in Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel island: A hip, intimate bistro in the Azores' most cosmopolitan city
- **O Venancio** in Angra do Heroisma, Terceira island: A cafe where locals spend Sunday afternoons chatting over the catch of the day
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You can be forgiven for never having heard of the Azores. On the travel shelves of most bookstores, titles will skip straight from Australia to the Bahamas. But this tiny archipelago in the middle of the Atlantic is overdue to become a destination for travelers seeking unspoiled subtropical terrain that wears its history on its sleeve.

What to do

Because of the variety of terrain, there's plenty to do, from hiking to scuba diving. If you're drawn to the water, the Azores has plenty of public swimming areas carved into the craggy basalt shoreline. And this former whaling capital now draws some of the Atlantic's best whale and dolphin watching.

With nine islands to explore, it helps to consult a company that customizes tours to your interests and abilities. We like **Picos de Aventura (www.picosdeaventura.com)** in Ponta Delgada and **A Abegoaria (www.a-abegoaria.com)**, serving the island of Pico.

Where to stay

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In Pico, grapevines grow on volcanic rock walls that protect the plants from wind and keep them warm at night.

What to see

The first thing you'll notice are the many shades of Azorean blue: the clear sky, the persistently blooming hydrangeas and morning glories, the deep turquoise ocean stretching undisturbed for more than a thousand miles in all directions. Each island has its own geographical marvels, such as the 7,713-foot-high dormant volcano that gives Pico Island its name and the hikeable lava tunnels beneath, and the steaming hot springs in Sao Miguel.

What to eat and drink

"Meat or fish?" is often the question come dinnertime. Because of its location, seafood is the centerpiece of many Azorean menus. But beef from the island's free-roaming cattle is also a good bet. Some of the best restaurants are tiny, side-street cafes, where the prato do dia (dish of the day) and a glass of local wine will only set you back 5 euros. Spanish settlers brought grape plants to the islands at the end of the 15th century, and much of the original viniculture methods have been preserved, creating crisp whites and rich reds. The islands have a similar history with wine's best friend: Each island produces its own excellent regional cheese.

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Letters

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Is Conn Carroll conning us all?

RE: "THERE'S NOWHERE TO HIDE FROM US POLITICS AS USUAL" (METRO, NOV. 5) According to news columnist Conn Carroll, if Obama is elected, he'll be unable to negotiate with the (expected) Republican House. Of course, he doesn't even mention how Romney will deal with the (also expected) Democratic Senate — but I guess we should just assume it'll be a love-fest.

JUSTIN WARNER, VIA E-MAIL

I suppose that it's a good thing that Conn Carroll's conservative political biases are so obvious and up-front, because that's the only aspect of his column that is honest. Everything else is pure distortion — or outright lies. He starts in the second paragraph, saying something about a slew of policy objective that "almost everybody believes would lead to economic catastrophe," which is only true if you only count Fox News and Karl Rove. Carroll goes on to talk about an alleged tax hike, when in fact that's largely the expiration of Bush-era tax cuts targeted mainly at the very rich, as well as cuts in defense spending, which are mostly targeted at obsolete Cold War-era weapons and programs, which the Pentagon itself says it doesn't need anymore.

I particularly liked how Carroll demonized Mrs. Obama's exhortation to their supporters that they must never retreat into complacency, portraying active citizenship as a burden. This is particularly ironic, given that an informed, involved and constantly activist electorate would be the Republicans' greatest nightmare.

GARY L. DAY, VIA E-MAIL

Conn Carroll says that the 'fiscal cliff' is "an impending economic and political disaster" of Obama's creation. A disaster because it is going to cut spending or increase taxes next year by $660 billion if no action is taken. It was actually a bipartisan creation of Congress and the president designed to bring down the deficit. Republicans who attack the president for the "fiscal cliff" are hypocrites. Just last year they were pushing for a balanced budget amendment, which Democrats blocked. If Republicans had their way, we would have no tax increases and be making horrific cuts of $1.1 billion or more next year, a much more disastrous fiscal cliff.

NATHAN ISRAELOFF, VIA E-MAIL

EPA deserves to be on list of agencies to be thanked

RE: "TAXPAYERS FUND HEROES, TOO" (METRO, NOV. 5) I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiments of AJ Castilla's letter, and I'd like to add the Environmental Protection Agency to that list. They deal with all the hazardous and noxious stuff that spills into the water and air after a disaster. They also get your drinking water and waste water systems back online.
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Horoscope

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♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be careful, because a friend's well-meaning advice might be more emotional than practical. If you're in dire need of good counsel, seek the opinions of a pal with a level head.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Being a bit too susceptible to other people's viewpoints could quickly get you off course. Instead of relying on other people's opinions, follow your own.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's OK to be as frank as possible when dealing with others who need the facts. The truth might be a tad abrasive, but it could turn out to be less harmful in the long run.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** This could be a rather disruptive day, in which you might have to deal with more unexpected changes than usual. Deal with each crisis separately.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When you start to demand perfection from others, you had better be prepared to be flawless yourself. Your slightest mistake will be held up to ridicule.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Several significant objectives can be achieved if you have the necessary fixity of purpose. However, in going about your business, you need to be careful that you don't sacrifice efficiency for speed.

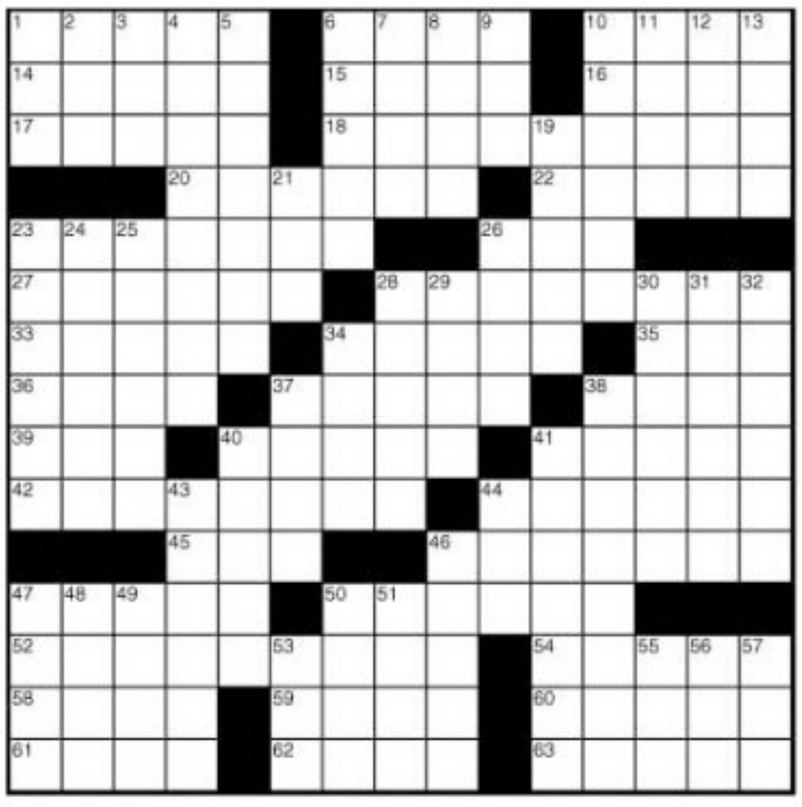
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Guard against being overly possessive of friends and/or loved ones. Even if you are one of their favorites, they need the chance to socialize with all kinds of people, just as you do.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you plan to do a little shopping, take along one of your more tight-fisted friends who can help you monitor any extravagant urges.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When your decisions are based upon practical premises, your reasoning is usually sound and effective. Allow sentiment or emotion to dominate, however, and it could be another story.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Keep in mind that prices aren't always carved in stone. If there is something you'd like to buy but you think is too expensive, don't hesitate to haggle for a better deal.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Make it a point to keep your nose out of a close friend's commercial affairs unless you're invited to do so. By the same token, don't let anyone get in your business. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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5 Licorice-like flavoring
6 Platter players
7 Indy champ — Luyendyk
8 Kangaroo pouches
9 Caress
10 Horror flick roles
11 Em, to Dorothy
12 Survey chart
13 — May Clampett
19 Feckless
21 Qt. parts
23 Tell
24 Waikiki wear
25 Rome's legions
26 Overlook
28 Pacific salmon
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30 Some Laotian immigrants
31 Crude carriers
32 Wild tee shirt (hyph.)
34 Sentry's bark
37 Prejudice
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41 Big game fish
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Mardi Gross: Birds serve up stinker in Superdome

Birds strech losing streak to four games in New Orleans ◗ Mental mistakes, lack of true pass-rush, poor execution main culprits ◗ We take look at three things that went wrong

The Eagles' season appears to be over. No, not by mathematics — yes, by the eye test. It was another week filled with mistakes and poor execution. This one resulting in a 28-13 loss to New Orleans last night at the Superdome.

The biggest example coming on a brilliantly designed trick, kickoff return that Riley Cooper should have run into the end zone — except it was called back after an illegal forward pass. Instead of bringing up new issues, we're going to review what we said in our Eagles-Saints preview:

1 THE BOYS UP FRONT. The offensive line is a mess (that's what we said Sunday). Guess what? It still is. In fact, it's even worse now after starting right tackle Todd Herremans left limping with a ankle/foot injury. He never returned and may not return this season. That leaves four fill-in players on that line. Against New Orleans, they gave up seven sacks — and Mike Vick was hit hard on virtually every play. King Dunlap can't diagnose a rush. Neither can Dennis Kelly. And Demetress Bell can't stay onsides on crucial downs.

2 FINDING HIS SWAG. This one wasn't all on Mike Vick. Not at all. The quarterback was under duress all night and even dialed up a vintage 14-yard scramble. However, that one mistake — an interception in the red zone — was returned 98 yards the other way for a Saints touchdown. Vick was 22-of-41 for 272 yards and a score (72.4 QB rating). Nick Foles chants are coming, but it wasn't Vick's fault.

3 GET A SACK ... PLEASE. The most ineffective (and over-priced) pass-rush in the NFL never made the trip. Actually, we're going to exclude Brandon Graham from that. Graham recorded a sack and forced a fumble in what was the defense's biggest play. Jason Babin got a sack, but he also was a step late on two more would-be sacks. Trent Cole missed an easy sack, too. Drew Brees' jersey was cleaner than a fresh load of laundry.

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Turnovers Mike Vick is personally responsible for after throwing his ninth interception last night (also has five lost fumbles in 2012).

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▶ The Eagles got into the red-zone four times last night and walked away with just six points. They fumbled once, threw an interception and settled for two field goals.

Gambling

Bad Sunday

This past Sunday marked a terrible day for sports betting.

With seemingly all the favorites winning — and winning big — some Las Vegas sports books actually had to call for money.

"Nov. 4, 2012 will go down as arguably the scariest day ever for the books," said Kevin Bradley, SportsBook manager at online site Bovada.lv.

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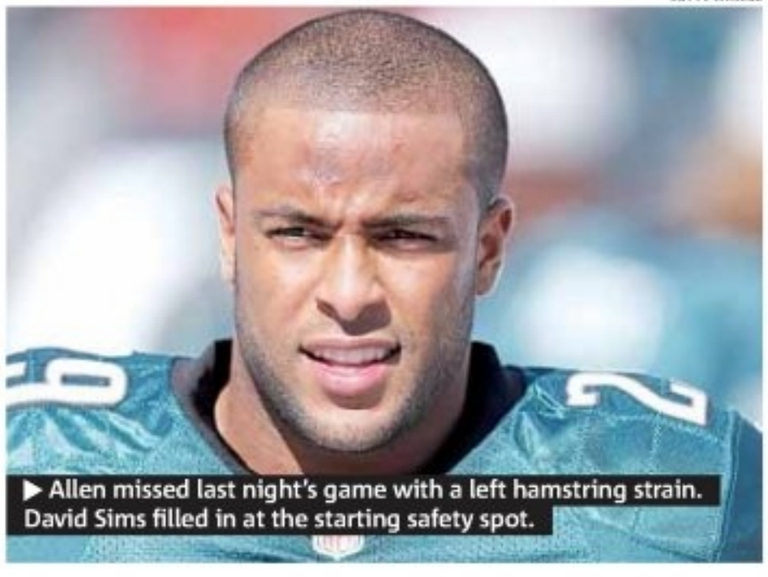

▶ Allen missed last night's game with a left hamstring strain. David Sims filled in at the starting safety spot.

Allen out for Eagles, Sims makes NFL debut in NOLA

David Sims made his first NFL start last night, filling in for Nate Allen in New Orleans.

Sims, who came over via a trade from Cleveland, is one of only four safeties on the Eagles' roster. The Saints tried to target him, matching him up against tight end Jimmy Graham. Sims got beat on quite a few, but he made some nice plays. Sims had eight tackles, including a pass deflection and a run-stuffing tackle for a loss.

With Allen (hamstring) missing practice, Sims has been getting extra work in.

"I've got to stay in my playbook and stay in that film to have a little edge," Sims said before the game.

Allen has struggled with injuries in recent seasons, but he was starting to hit his stride. The Eagles' defense came apart in the fourth quarter of the Detroit loss when Allen left with a strained right hamstring. He battled back, then injured his left hamstring last week.

Meanwhile, Sims has risen up the depth chart after supplanting Colt Anderson.

"He's got a good grasp of the defense," Andy Reid said. "He's doing well." METRO/MG

Pointed in the right direction? Holiday settling into position

Holiday embodies team-first concept Showing scorer's touch in first three games Guard ready for 'whatever they need from me to win'

From the first day of training camp, the Sixers put the ball in Jrue Holiday's hands. This is his team to run on the court.

Last week, the Sixers rewarded Holiday with a four-year, $41 million contract. There is another $5.5 million available in incentives. With that commitment, the organization made a clear statement.

"I'm thrilled, couldn't be happier," Holiday said. "This is where I want to be, growing with this team. It's the perfect situation for me."

Holiday posted a double-double in the season-opening win over the Denver Nuggets. He then scored 27 points Sunday in a tough environment, at New York's Madison Square Garden. Despite a poor shooting night yesterday against the Knicks, Holiday still put 17 points on the stat sheet.

In last year's playoffs, the 22-year-old Holiday led the Sixers in scoring at 15.8 points per game.

"It's not just about numbers. It's about running the team, being the floor general. I just want to win," Holiday said. "Just win. We got a taste in the playoffs. I want it to continue."

For this group, it was imperative to retain Holiday.

"I think this core of guys who have been together like myself, Jrue, Evan [Turner], we've been building this together," said forward Thaddeus Young. "I think when we found out that Jrue was staying, we were all very excited. We're in this together and we have championship aspirations. I'm so happy Jrue is staying here with us."

Some nights, the Sixers might need Holiday to score. Other nights, they won't. It will depend on the matchups, the pace of the game and the opponent.

"Whatever they need from me to win," Holiday said matter-of-factly. "It doesn't matter. I just want to win."

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Point guards taken ahead of Holiday (17th overall) in 2009 draft — one (Jonny Flynn) isn't even in the NBA right now. He's averaging most points (19.3) among them in 2012.

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▶ Holiday scored 17 points in a losing effort last night for the Sixers in a 110-88 loss to the New York Knicks.

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"It's not just about numbers. It's about running the team, being the floor general. I just want to win."

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▶ Carmelo Anthony went for 21 points last night.

Sixers drop second straight to Knicks, this time at home

Team falls 110-88 to NY Mark stands at 1-2 Road trip ahead

What started out so promising turned into a complete dud.

The 76ers raced out to a quick 9-0 lead, but fizzled the rest of the way in a disappointing 110-88 loss to the Knicks last night at the Wells Fargo Center.

Coach Doug Collins said the Sixers lacked energy in Sunday's 16-point loss at New York. They didn't have much more enthusiasm just one night later.

Collins called on 10 players in the first quarter. One of those players, center Kwame Brown, received a rare start and then left the game with a strained left calf in the third.

Lavoy Allen, who started the first two games, missed his first five shots and wound up 1-for-7. Jrue Holiday (17 points) and Nick Young (12) struggled mightily with their shot as well. The duo combined to shoot 8-of-27 from the floor.

In the end, the Sixers fell to 1-2 while the much-improved Knicks went to 3-0.

Forget about the injured Andrew Bynum for a minute. This revamped Sixers team isn't off to a rousing start at 1-2 with a three-game road trip looming at New Orleans, Boston and Toronto.

There's no reason to panic yet. But through three games, cohesion and consistency seem to be missing. Maybe they'll find it on the road.

METRO/AJ

Oh shoot

The Sixers, specifically Jrue Holiday and Nick Young, struggled to hit jumpers all night. Here's a look:

The Sixers shot **33.7 percent (29-of-86)** from the floor, while jacking up **22 three-pointers (8-of-22, 36.4 percent).**

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Temple kicks off transition year with final A-10 stint

High expectations for Owls in final season in conference ◗ University headed to Big East next year ◗ Wyatt, Randall need to step up ◗ Dunphy searching for six straight tourneys

Perhaps only John Calipari's defending national champion Kentucky squad has lost more starters than Temple, with three of them gone. But the cupboard's not completely bare for the Owls' final season in the Atlantic 10 conference, before shifting over to the Big East next year.

Not only are second-leading scorer Khalif Wyatt (17.1, 3.3 apg) and versatile forward Rahlir Hollis-Jefferson (9.3, 6.6 rpg) back, but Owls coach Fran Dunphy has no fewer than three players who didn't play at all last year.

How well Scootie Randall, Dalton Pepper and Jake O'Brien fare could determine Temple's fate.

"While we'll miss Ramone [Moore], Juan [Fernandez] and Micheal [Eric], we're happy to have these three guys," said Dunphy, hoping to get the Owls back to the NCAA tournament for a sixth straight season. "But they haven't played in a year. It's a hard thing for kids to sit out like that. There's no instant gratification. But the good thing is we do have depth. It's the deepest we've been since I've been at Temple."

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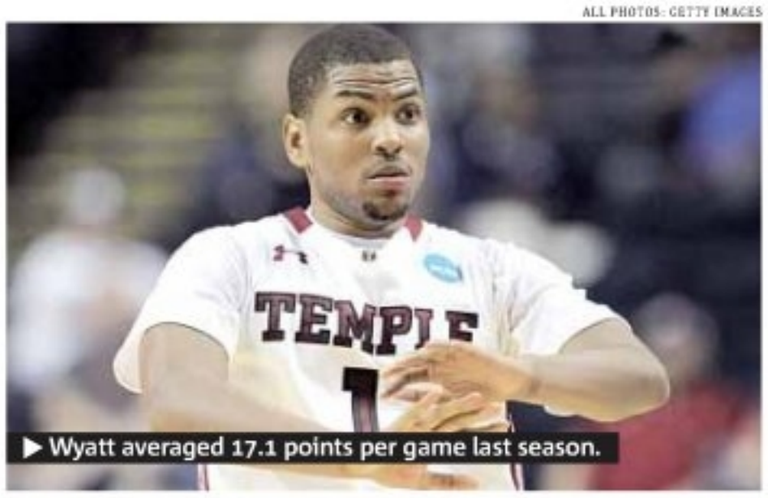

▶ Wyatt averaged 17.1 points per game last season.

Fast start key for Dunphy's Owls this year

The general rule of thumb for Fran Dunphy teams is that they're much better at the end of season than at the start. That may never be truer than now, as Temple tries to rebuild from within.

Depending on how quickly and how effectively Scottie Randall, Dalton Pepper and Jake O'Brien make the transition, along with an intriguing freshman class that includes 6-foot-10 Devontae Watson and 6-foot-6 swingman Daniel Dingle, will help determine how much better.

For the first time in years, the Owls aren't one of the favorites in a loaded Atlantic 10 that now includes VCU and Butler, in addition to preseason favorite Saint Joseph's and UMass. That doesn't mean they won't be a factor. Dunphy will just have to work his magic to get Temple back to the Big Dance.

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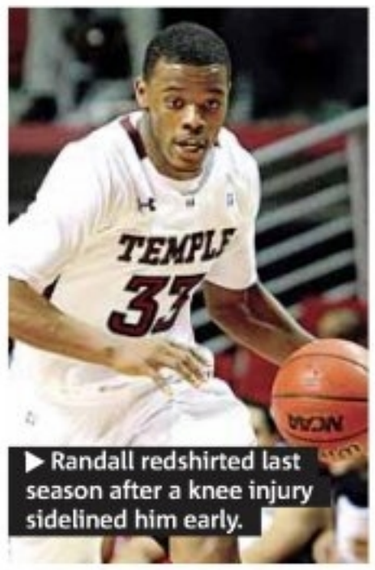
Randall was forced to redshirt last year coming off knee surgery, after averaging 10.7 points and being named the A-10's Most Improved Player in 2011. Pepper, a big-time scorer at nearby Pennsbury High, sat out the season after transferring from West Virginia. And O'Brien (1,020 points, 444 rebounds in three seasons at Boston University) missed his senior season due to an injury. He's at Temple now as a graduate student.



▶ Randall redshirted last season after a knee injury sidelined him early.

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How well — and how quickly — they mesh with holdovers Wyatt, Hollis-Jefferson, center Anthony Lee and guard T.J. DiLeo is the key.

"We still can be great," said Randall, who is expected to fill the leadership void. "We have a lot of interchangeable guys who can do the same thing. I think we can be one of the most special teams Coach Dunphy has had. I just have to make these guys have confidence in themselves."

Meanwhile, Wyatt (who was involved in an off-campus incident with a prostitute) needs to do his part. No doubt he'll be the focal point of opposing fans.

"We want to leave our mark on the league," said Wyatt. "I know Scootie and those guys have been nipping at the bud to get back out there. It should be exciting."

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Projected lineup

Quick look at Owls' starting five, plus key reserves:

- **C Anthony Lee, 6-foot-9 soph. (5.0 ppg, 5.2 rpg)**
  Our take: Improving big man with decent shooting touch and the strength to bang underneath
- **F Rahlir Hollis-Jefferson 6-6, senior (9.3 ppg, 6.6 rpg)**
  Our take: Underrated forward who provides scoring, rebounding and defense
- **F Scootie Randall, 6-6 senior (10.7 ppg, 4.7 rpg)**
  Our take: Versatile player and leader, was coming into his own until sidelined by knee injury. Could be rusty
- **G Khalif Wyatt, 6-4 senior (17.1 ppg, 3.3 apg)**
  Our take: Most effective scorer, especially from long range. Off-court problems make him center of storm
- **G T.J. DiLeo, 6-3 senior (2.9 ppg)**
  Our take: DiLeo does all little things, but nothing major. Minutes may fluctuate as younger players develop.
- **Key reserves:**
  F Dalton Pepper (transfer from WVU). Could bring needed outside scoring
  C Jake O'Brien (from Boston U.). Banger on boards, might need time A-10 jump

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Hawks hope to fly back into national radar for first time since 2004

Nine years ago Phil Martelli knew he had something special at Saint Joseph's before the season even began.

"I knew I had the best player [Jameer Nelson] and the guy running alongside of him was pretty good," said Martelli of his team that went 27-0 in the regular season. "They wanted each other to achieve. They knew team success meant individual accolades. This group is like that."

The 2012-13 Hawks are considered Martelli's finest team since that glory year. They have been tagged as favorites in the Atlantic 10, with every starter back. But they will be the first to tell you expectations mean nothing.

"Nobody cares," said 6-8 forward Halil Kanacevic, who led the team in rebounds and assists, while averaging 8.3 points. "We got picked for last place last year. It's nice being picked No. 1, but it's not a big deal until we prove it."

The key is maintaining leads. While the Hawks did go from 22 losses in 2010-11 to a 20-14 mark last year, they dropped 11 games in which they held second-half leads. That can't happen again.

"We got ahead in a lot of games last year, but we hadn't been there and didn't know what to expect," said guard Carl Jones, the Hawks' leading scorer (17.0). "This year we're going to know what to do. We've been through that atmosphere."

With interior defense, big man C.J. Aiken (10.9, 5.1 rebounds), the A-10 Defensive Player of the Year, blocked 3.53 shots a game, the fifth best in the nation. And A-10 Sixth Man of the Year Ronald Roberts (10.9, 5.9 rpg) helps clog the lane. Put it all together and SJU figures to be a factor nationally for the first time since 2004.

"I don't talk about anything written," said Martelli. "I haven't had to bring them down from the clouds. Their focus here really is on team."

Increased expectations on the Hill

Unlike last season, the Hawks won't sneak up on anybody. But with their top six players back and improved, that shouldn't matter. Saint Joseph's has all the components for a quality team (scoring balance, strong defense, a shot blocker and experienced players who know their roles).

Playing in a revamped Atlantic 10 — with newcomers VCU and Butler — Saint Joseph's figures to hold its own against anybody. Can they meet those lofty preseason expectations and ultimately wind up in the rankings?

Don't rule it out. It figures to be a fun season on Hawk Hill. METRO/JM

Projected lineup

- **C C.J. Aiken, 6-foot-9**
  Our take: Key to defense; seals interior and forces teams to shoot jumpers
- **F Halil Kanacevic, 6-8**
  Our take: Versatile forward who led team in assists and provides muscle around hoop
- **F Daryus Quarles, 6-6**
  Our take: Speedy starter; usually gives way to more physical Ronald Roberts
- **G Carl Jones, 5-11**
  Our take: Leading scorer; can hit from long range or go strong to basket
- **G Langston Galloway, 6-2**
  Our take: Athletic guard; led team in 3-point shooting (47%), size gives him advantage over most opponents

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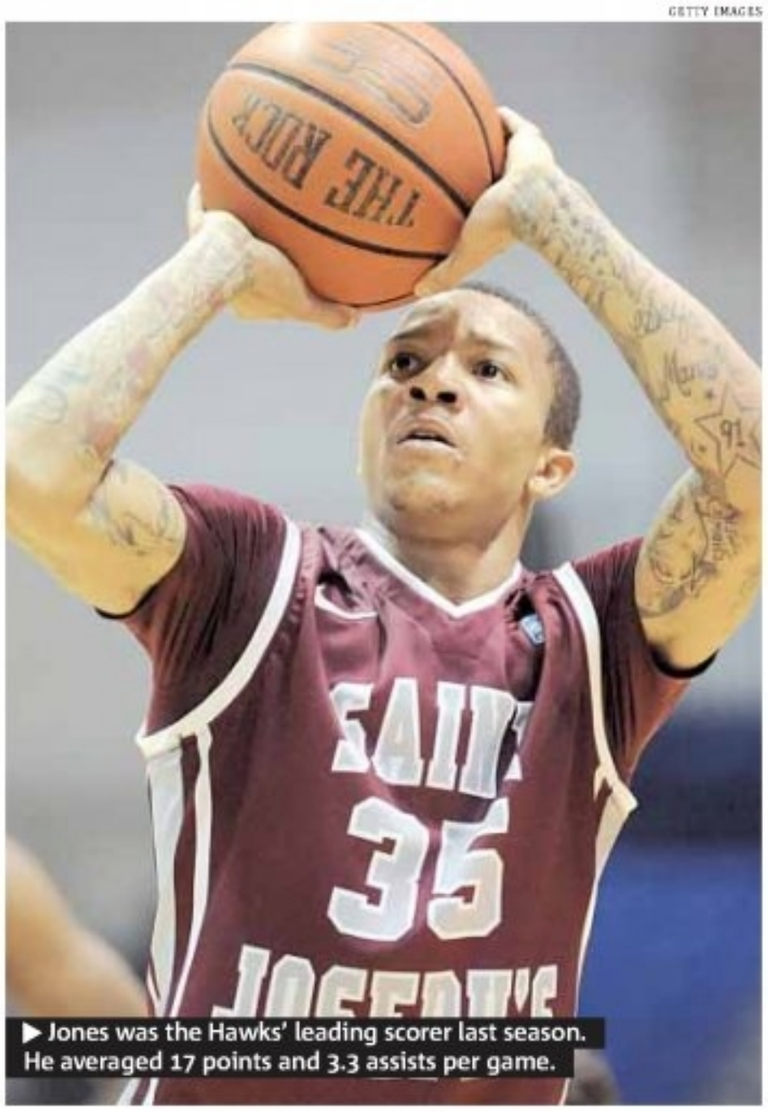

▶ Jones was the Hawks' leading scorer last season. He averaged 17 points and 3.3 assists per game.

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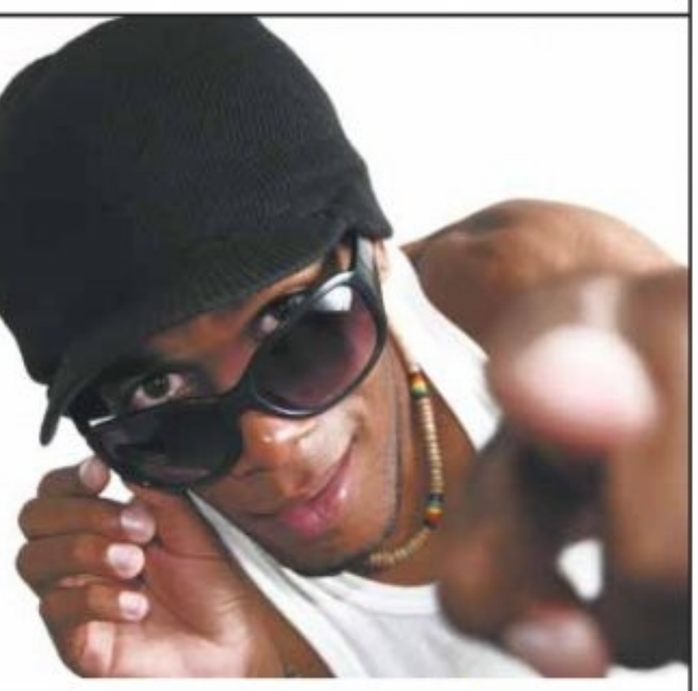

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